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1. Soviet ground forces in Hungary consist of the 17th Guards Mechanized Division in the Szombathely area and the 2nd Guards Mechanized Division around Kecskenét. It is alleged that there is also one other "armored" division west of Lake Balaton. There are reports that a concentration of Soviet military forces is to take place in southern Hungary.
2. Recruits of the class of 1931 have been reported in transit from Budapest to Vienna. These constitute replacement troops and not additional contingents.
3. It is alleged that a Soviet headquarters for the combined Soviet and Hungarian armies is located on Mecseg Mountain near Pécs, and that a Soviet headquarters for the southeastern satellite armies is located at Lillafred (said to be in northern Hungary).
4. The Hungarian Army is now composed of seven infantry divisions and one armored division. Cadres for three additional infantry divisions are ready, and these will be organized before the end of 1951.
5. The shipment of military equipment from the USSR is slow, and the ration supply service is described as extremely bad.
6. The replacement of old fighter planes by jet MIG-15's (presumably for the Soviet Air Force in Hungary) is proceeding very slowly. Only a small number of the jet planes is located at Tokol and Papa airfields.

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